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IN COMPASSION



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We need to talk!



In 2014 my son Dan and I began to fight for legal medicinal cannabis for Australia



I used to be proud of what we achieved but the truth is, if Dan were still alive today....he would still be a criminal buying his medicine on the black market.....

And I don't think that is good enough!

All we ever wanted was medicinal cannabis that was ...



Legal



Accessible



Affordable

AND



An Industry that could
provide it

What we ended up with was a whole set of problems



Not nearly enough patients can get it (around 1,000 since the law changed in 2016 while Germany has 16,000+ and **their** law changed a year later!)



The TGA wants to do the impossible & regulate cannabis "like all other medicines".



Hundreds of thousands being criminalised and left to depend on black market.

A dismal failure in meeting Australia's needs

Actually the whole thing is a moral and ethical disaster.



.....But at least we're in it together, right?

Because putting it simply and bluntly



**NO PATIENT ACCESS
MEANS NO INDUSTRY**

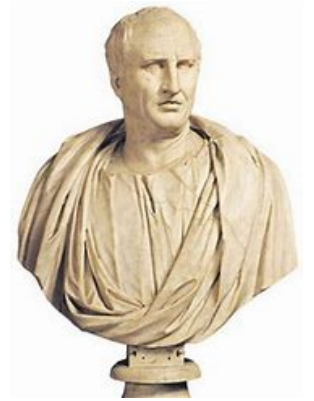


Salus populi suprema lex esto, which

translates as

“Let the welfare of the people be
the supreme law”

- Cicero (106-43BC).



So how can we initiate the change Australian
patients need and what are the changes?



Let's keep it simple...

Industry must now support advocates

(If it doesn't, Australia will get left behind in the cannabis race)

And working together we need to focus on just three things



PATIENT
ACCESS

1



PATIENT
ACCESS

2



PATIENT
ACCESS

3

How do we set about getting it?

Lobbying



Information and
other campaigns
in traditional and
digital media



Education (of
doctors & other
key groups)



Take the
messaging outside
of and beyond the
cannabis 'bubble'



Build relationships with
other organisations,
again outside the
'bubble'.

And we all need to sing from the same song-sheet.
There needs to be messaging from



We must try to ensure that the messaging is



coherent



consistent



collaborative

If it isn't
we'll
ALL
look
like
idiots



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And things are really, really bad

- Lindsay and Abbey are medical refugees
- Forced overseas to source the only medicine that works
- Abbey's parents made it a permanent move

Lack of consistency and regulation between states also means thousands are stuck in a postcode lottery. That needs to be addressed too.



So what are the key messages?

- All patients deserve the right to use or try cannabis, not just as a last resort
- GPs should be free to prescribe it without any bureaucratic interference at any level
- Cannabis is great for a whole range of conditions

Plus a few more. How about

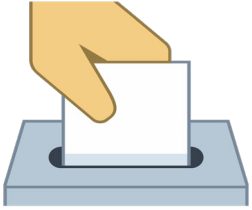
- Stop punishing people for using the plant medicinally
- THC isn't the demon it's made out to be
- There IS enough evidence of the safety and efficacy of cannabis



And most of all – there needs to be some

COMPASSION!

Such messages we need to take to some key groups, including:



- Politicians
 - especially at election time



- Doctors
 - who need information, education & encouragement to become better informed



- General public
 - who need to know the truth about cannabis and the failures of the current system

Importantly, we believe such information and messaging is best delivered by an organisation that is:

INDEPENDENT

- of any particular commercial or political imperative other than the interests of patients



TRUSTWORTHY

- has no 'hidden agenda'



NOT-FOR-PROFIT

- is not in it to make money



and of course.....willing
to take on the
challenge!



You see for us, this is **unfinished business!**

Despite the set backs UIC is still getting on with it:

- Producing its fourth Medicinal Cannabis Symposium for March 2019
- Working on a policy and strategy document to launch at the Symposium
- Working with organisations such as the NSW Nurses and Midwives Assn, the CWA and others so as to continue building momentum



SAVE THE DATE

2019 UIC Australian

MEDICINAL CANNABIS

Symposium

22-24 March 2019


Over 3 days hear from international & Australian experts as we grapple with the problems around patient access, guidelines and supply.

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CBD
Cannabidiol

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THC
Tetrahydrocannabinol



Prof Donald Abrams USA



Dr Ethan Russo USA



Dr Jeffrey Hergenrother USA



Prof Dedi Meiri Israel



Dr David Caldwell Aus



Prof Iain McGregor Aus



Tickets on sale from January 01/01/19 www.uic.org.au

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As well as

- Planning a roll out of the RACGP-accredited Australian Medicinal Cannabis Training Course for Health Professionals
- Supporting patients with information and a sympathetic ear
- Forming strategic alliances where possible
- Speaking to senior politicians in Government and the opposition ahead of State and Federal elections



in conjunction with

PRESENTS

The Australian Medicinal Cannabis Course

For Health Professionals
21st March 2019,
Twin Towns Conference Centre
Tweed Heads NSW

A 1 Day Course,
to be offered as a Workshop,
on behalf of
The UIC Australian Medicinal Cannabis Symposium, 2019

Accredited for 12 category 2
RACGP points/ACCME points
pending

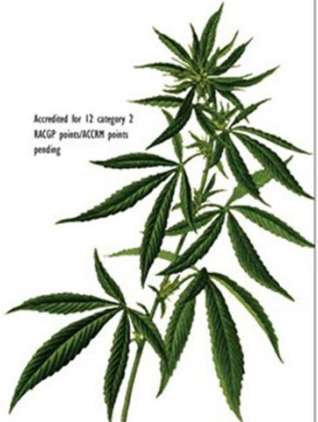
Australia's first medical cannabis course,
designed **for** health care practitioners,
by health care practitioners.
Written & Presented by **Dr David Caldicott**

A comprehensive introduction to:

- The Australian history of medicinal cannabis
- The endocannabinoid system
- The pharmacology of cannabinoid medicine
- The practicalities of dosing
- Conditions amenable to treatment
- Up to date literature
- International perspectives

... & much more!

STRICTLY LIMITED NOS. TICKETS ON SALE FROM 01/01/2019 from www.uic.org.au and www.humanixix.com



But we can't do all this on a wing and a prayer. If we're going to last the distance we're going to need some help!



Yours in fact, being specific about it!

This
industry.....

your
industry.....

depends on
being able to
serve patients



Can they depend on you?

"Every step we take on medical cannabis will be built on the footsteps Dan left behind!"
Premier Mike Baird 2016



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Please come and see us
outside.

Thank you



